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LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.
LAMOINE TOWN HALL

Members Present: Faith Perkins, Chair; Julie Tilden, Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Christina Maguire-Harding
Members Late: None
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James S. Boothby, Superintendent; David Bridgham, Business Manager
Others: Dick Fennelly, Dick Davis, Hubene Brodie, Grant & Debbie McFarland, Jo Cooper, Chris Tadema-Wielandt, Kathy DeFusco, Brett Jones, Enid Neleski

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 3/5/07**

A motion was made by Julie Tilden, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to accept the Minutes of 3/5/07 as presented.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Dick Davis asked whether comments would be allowed during the meeting.

Jo Cooper expressed on-going concerns regarding math remediation.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Moved Item 7.A. and Item 7.E. to the front of the agenda.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – Chairperson Perkins welcomed new members Christina Maguire-Harding and Nancy Sargent. Mrs. Perkins expressed appreciation for the support the citizens of Lamoine showed for the school budget at the recent Town meeting.

B. Administration

1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Principal Perkins's written report will be attached to the minutes. In addition, Mr. Perkins reported on the following:
 - a. Reported that 14 8th Grade students had registered at M.D.I.;
 - b. Announced that the Civic Oration Contest will be held on Thursday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. and the winners will compete on April 25th at 4:30 p.m.;
 - c. Reported that there are no changes needed on the bus routes; and
 - d. Reported that Math remediation opportunities are 2:10 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Music students will be able to access math help after school).
2. **Superintendent's Report** – A copy of Superintendent Boothby's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. In addition, Mr. Boothby reported on the following:
 - a. Discussed status of current 2006-2007 Budget;
 - b. Shared a thank you note from Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County for a donation in memory of Music teacher Karen Hawthorne's mother;
 - c. Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Board Members and
 - d. Gave an update on school consolidation.

C. Standing Committee Reports

1. Building Committee – no reports

- D. **Warrant Signatures** - Warrant #10 in the amount of \$71,833.66 was signed by the School Committee.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Update of 07-08 Budget: David Bridgham**

Mr. Bridgham gave an overview of the shortfall in the 07-08 education budget. The reason for the shortfall came about because of a reduction in the projected general purpose aid from the State for the upcoming year. Mr. Bridgham and Mr. Boothby outlined options to meet the shortfall challenge. These options included raising the entire amount at a future special town meeting, reducing the budget by the amount of the shortfall, or a combination of the two options. The board discussed holding a budget workshop prior to addressing this issue.

B. **Discussion Regarding Electronic Communications**

The Board was reminded by the Chair that all electronic communications regarding school business is a public document and as such should be treated with all due responsibility.

C. **Discussion Regarding School Emergency Planning**

In March the administrative team from Union 92 participated in an emergency planning conference sponsored by the Hancock County Emergency Planning office. This activity allowed the A-team to meet the providers of emergency services and participate in discussions regarding school safety and the many aspects of school safety. This meeting was in preparation of the upcoming meeting with Dick Bishop of the Hancock County Sheriff's office to draft emergency plans for each of the schools on a common template used by the State of Maine. The goals of this activity are to develop plans for all possible scenarios as well as produce the plans in a format that will be usable in the schools and accessible to the emergency service providers.

D. **Security in Portable (Val Perkins)**

Mr. Perkins explained current hardware on the front doors of the portables created a security issue that could be corrected with the installation of new hardware. The new hardware would allow the door to remain locked at all times, but would allow egress by means of a "crash" bar system from the inside. The cost of the retrofit would be between \$200-\$250 per door. The Board supported the idea of Mr. Perkins pursuing the door hardware improvement.

E. **Update on the Renovation Project**

Superintendent Boothby and Mr. Bridgham brought the Board up to date on new information regarding the renovation project. After meeting with Oak Point Architects it was learned cost projections for the four projects were short approximately \$450 thousand dollars. The primary reason for the shortfall was the roof currently does not meet the required 60-pound per square foot requirement. Mr. Boothby and Mr. Bridgham arranged a meeting with the architects, Bureau of General Service, and the head of the revolving renovation fund. All four projects were reviewed and the cost increase explained. At this meeting it was learned we could apply for an extension to do the work, we could request the opportunity to use dollars assigned for one project to be used in another, and we could apply for additional monies. As a result of the discussion, the Board requested a special meeting to be held with the Architect and the School Board to gain more information regarding the scope of the work and the cost increases.

(A meeting was arranged for April 6, 2007 at 1 :00 p.m. in the conference room at the Superintendent's office. The meeting was published as required.)

F. **Discussion Regarding the Next Steps for the Building Committee**

There will be work for the committee, but a specific assignment will follow after clarification of the renovation project challenges. Discussion included the need for the Building Committee to stay abreast of the general maintenance needs of the building and review its membership.

G. **Election of Officers**

Chairperson:

A motion was made by Julie Tilden, seconded by Bob Pulver, **to nominate Faith Perkins to serve as Chairperson.**

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Vice-Chairperson:

A motion was made by Bob Pulver, seconded by Christina Maguire-Harding, **to nominate Julie Tilden as Vice-Chairperson.**

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. **Board Requests for Information**

None

B. **Board Comments**

Best wishes were extended to Bob Pulver for his upcoming hip surgery.

C. **Future Agenda Items**

- 05-06 Audit Report
- Executive Session to Review Principal's Evaluation
- Committee Assignments
- Teacher Nominations

D. **Future Meetings**

- Special School Committee meeting on April 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office
- Budget Workshop on April 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall
- The next regular School Committee meeting will be on May 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

9. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Pulver, seconded by Christine Maguire-Harding.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Time: 7:35 p.m.

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby
Superintendent